

these proposals consider the option of altering the maximum amount of the wages to which coefficients and northern increments apply.

It should be kept in mind that implementing such measures would require considerable expenditures from the state budget. For this reason, all proposals for improvement of the system of regional regulation of wages and salaries will be considered together with the entire programme for the country's social development during the thirteenth Five-Year Plan and until the year 2005.

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As we see, the necessity for improvement in the mechanism of regional regulation of wages and salaries is admitted by all. And already today, an investigation of effective steps in this direction is under way. It is disconcerting, however, that the programme for restructuring the system of regional regulation of wages and salaries is to be completed only by the year 2005, while the transition of all branches of the national economy to self-financing is to be completed already in 1989 and, therefore, all obstacles on the way to full self-sufficiency must be removed by that time. This is even more so because self-sufficient enterprises do not require subsidies from the state budget but instead pay wages -- including northern regional coefficients -- from their own earned resources.

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